



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, 1128
Tel. Nos. (632) 8929-66-26 to 29 · (632) 8929-62-52
8929-66-20 · 8929-66-33 to 35 · 8929-70-41 to 43
Email: web@denr.gov.ph; Website: <https://denr.gov.ph>

MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**
DENR Regions 1, 4B, and 5

THE DIRECTOR
Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD)

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Finance, Information Systems, and Climate Change and
GEF-Philippines Operational Focal Point

SUBJECT : **CO-FINANCING COMMITMENT FOR THE
“EFFECTIVELY MANAGING NETWORKS OF MARINE
PROTECTED AREAS IN LARGE MARINE
ECOSYSTEMS IN THE ASEAN REGION (ASEAN
ENMAPS)” PROJECT**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in collaboration with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is currently developing the full proposal or Project Document (ProDoc) for the project entitled “Effectively Managing Networks of Marine Protected Areas in Large Marine Ecosystems in the ASEAN Region (ASEAN ENMAPS)” to be funded under the 7th cycle of Global Environment Facility (GEF-7).

Project Background

The proposed project was approved for its Project Preparation Grant Phase by the GEF CEO on 8 November 2021. This will be implemented in Indonesia, Thailand, and Philippines which aims to develop and improve the management of networks of marine protected areas and marine corridors within the selected Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs) in the ASEAN region for the conservation of globally significant biodiversity and support for sustainable fisheries and other ecosystem goods and services. The Philippine component will be implemented within the following areas:

- Agoo-Damortis Protected Landscape and Seascape (ADPLS)
- Bani-Bolinao-Burgos-Infanta-Dasol-Agno (BBBIDA)
- Ticao-Burias Pass Protected Seascape (TBPPS)
- Turtle Islands Wildlife Sanctuary (TIWS)
- Tubbataha Reef Natural Park (TRNP)

Considering this, your respective offices were identified as the major stakeholder of the said project and hence enjoined to execute various activities that will lead to the achievement of the project goals/targets based on the project components, outcomes and outputs. Please see the attached Project Fact Sheet for further reference, (Annex 1).

The development of the proposal entailed series of consultations with various stakeholders and the latest of which is the recently conducted National Validation Workshop held last 2-3 February 2023. As discussed during the said workshop, one of the requirements for us to access the GEF Funds is to provide co-financing resources for the Project. Said requirement is in line with its GEF Policy in promoting Project ownership among all Project stakeholders both at the National and Local levels.

In this regard, we are targeting to secure co-financing commitments from different Government Agencies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and Private Sector entities and as one of the potential Project Partner, we would like to request for co-financing resources from your Office. You may include the following as co-financing sources:

- Investments Mobilized (70%): covers current and future projects/programs that can support Project Implementation; and
- Recurrent Expenditures (30%): may include salaries of staff who will participate in the Project Implementation, office space, and equipment.

For your guidance in calculating your office's co-financing commitment, please see the attached co-financing template, for your reference as well, (Annex 2).

We appreciate receiving of your respective co-financing letters following the attached template, (Annex 3) addressed to the undersigned on or before **27 February 2023**, for consolidation. Should you have further inquiries and clarifications, your office may coordinate with Mr. William Bayhon III (2021.jaba@gmail.com) of the Project Preparation Division (PPD) of the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS).

For your consideration.

ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH

Undersecretary

Finance, Information Systems, and Climate Change and
GEF-Philippines Operational Focal Point